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Vasantha Mahal, Mysore, India
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The Bollingen Foundation, Inc.
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Attention: Paul Mellon
and/or To Whom It May Concern

Gentlemen:

May I take the liberty of passing on to you some information which may perhaps be of some use to you in the light of your Foundation's continuing interest in the fields of aesthetics, comparative religion, and philosophy - as well as because of your Bollingen Series and what I understand to be a rather special interest in Asia?

Arriving in New York during the last week in March, will be His Highness, the Maharajah of Mysore, Jaya Chamaraja Wadiyar, who is also the Governor of Mysore State and Chancellor of the University of Mysore.

Before he begins a lecture tour of some American universities starting at Yale in early April, he will, among other engagements in New York City, attend a luncheon being given for him by the Rockefeller Foundation, and address a luncheon meeting at the Institute of Ethics at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

His Highness has just completed a book on "The Aesthetic Philosophy of India," which has just been sent for consideration to the University of Chicago Press by Dr. Richard P. McKeon, former President of the International Institute of Philosophy. It is my thought, after reviewing it, that this could be a volume which your Foundation might like to see and that, as soon as it is known what the Chicago publication possibilities are, this might be arranged, if you are interested.

This is His Highness' second book, the first, published in London by Allen and Unwin, is titled DATTATREYA, after the great Indian guru who taught the synthesis of Indian philosophy and the confluence of the religions of Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesvara, or Siva. It is an acute exposition of Vedantic Absolutism, complete with His Highness' own translation of some remarkable ancient texts, and probably the first account in English of this influential philosophy. It has not, as yet, been published in America.

In addition, His Highness has in work, the following:

1) a long book on Advaita, or the Vedantic reality, tentatively titled: THE ORB OF THE MIND, which he thinks he can finish by the end of 1959.
2) a study in Advaita, to be called SURESVACARYA, after the teacher of that name.
3) a 4-volume work on Indian logic.

None of these, you will note, are likely to be hotly pursued by commercial publishers, despite their interest in the academic world. University presses seem more likely, perhaps under the auspices of some Foundation or society.

At the moment I cannot suggest how this may tie in with your interests, but I have a feeling that you should know about it. Perhaps you will want to offer some advice in regard to these publications, perhaps not. In any event, at the suggestion of Ambassador Bunker, I am trying to give His Highness some help on the matter of the books as well as the forthcoming trip to the United States, and it is in this context that I have addressed you now.

If, after reading this, you have any wish to be in touch with His Highness upon his arrival in New York, may I suggest that you drop a note to him personally, to reach him before departure date, March 16th or thereabouts, % The Palace, Mysore, India?

Yours cordially,

Julie Medlock